

WAIVER OF SECTION 402(a) OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
BUDGET ACT OF 1974 WITH RESPECT TO THE CON-
SIDERATION OF S. 1027

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Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on the Budget,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. Res. 370]

The Committee on the Budget, to which was referred the resolution, Senate Resolution 370, waiving section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of S. 1027, the Water Resources Development and Fisheries, Yakima River Basin, Wash., amendments, reports without recommendation.

EXPLANATION OF COMMITTEE ACTION

The Senate Budget Committee has reported without recommendation Senate Resolution 370, waiving section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act regarding consideration of the Water Resources Development and Fisheries, Yakima River Basin, Wash., amendments. The waiver was required because S. 1027 was reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on April 12, 1984—well past the May 23, 1983, reporting deadline.

The Senate Budget Committee is concerned with the frequency with which Senate committees report new authorizations that require waivers of section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act.

The Senate Budget Committee is aware that, for Senate committees with extensive legislative schedules, it may be difficult in every instance to comply with the reporting deadline for new authorizations contained in section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act. However, most Senate authorizing committees make a point of complying with the 402(a) deadline.

The Senate Budget Committee believes that waivers of section 402 (a) of the Budget Act should be reserved for unusual or emergency circumstances, and should not be required by authorizing committees in the normal course of completing their legislative responsibilities. Committees should either meet this deadline or amend legislation to comply with section 402(a) of the Budget Act. The committee believes that circumstances causing the late reporting of S. 1027 were not unusual or emergency in nature.

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